

COUNCIL MINUTES

(ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING)

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2011



PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Frances Stainton
Deputy Mayor Councillor Belinda Donovan

Councillors:

Michael Adam	Stephen Cowan	Andrew Johnson
Colin Aherne	Oliver Craig	Donald Johnson
Adronie Alford	Tom Crofts	Andrew Jones
Helen Binmore	Ali De-Lisle	Alex Karmel
Nicholas Botterill	Charlie Dewhirst	Jane Law
Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler	Gavin Donovan	Mark Loveday
Daryl Brown	Marcus Ginn	PJ Murphy
Jean Campbell	Peter Graham	Caroline Needham
Joe Carlebach	Stephen Greenhalgh	Harry Phibbs
Michael Cartwright	Steve Hamilton	Sally Powell
Alex Chalk	Wesley Harcourt	Greg Smith
Elaine Chumnerly	Lisa Homan	Matt Thorley
Iain Coleman	Robert Iggulden	Mercy Umeh
Georgie Cooney	Lucy Ivimy	Rory Vaughan

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2011/12

7.00 pm – Councillor Adronie Alford, as the outgoing Mayor, took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Councillor Mark Loveday, proposed, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, that Councillor Frances Stainton be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

There being no further nominations, the proposal was formally put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Councillor Frances Stainton was duly declared Mayor of the Borough for the 2011/12 Municipal Year, following which she made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office and signed the statutory undertaking to observe the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

Under Standing Order 21 (d), the Mayor suspended the meeting while she put on the Mayor's robes.

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

(The meeting was adjourned until 7.06pm)

The Mayor invited Reverend Jo Hawes of All Saints Church to offer a blessing for the Municipal Year.

The Mayor announced that she had decided to appoint Mr William Proger, Comte Edouard de Guitaut and Mrs Pauline Lyle-Smith as her consorts and Mayoress for the 2011/12 Municipal Year. The Mayor then announced that she had appointed Councillor Belinda Donovan as Deputy Mayor for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh, proposed, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, that the past Mayor's badge be presented to Councillor Adronie Alford in recognition of her service to the Council in undertaking the office of Mayor, and in carrying out other associated civic duties as a Councillor.

The Leader then made a speech about the excellent work the outgoing Mayor had undertaken during her term of office. Councillor Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Opposition, also thanked the outgoing Mayor for her work. Councillor Adronie Alford then accepted her badge and made a brief speech.

The Leader of the Council then moved, on behalf of the Council, seconded by Councillor Mark Loveday, a vote of thanks to the past Mayoresses Miss Lavender Hastie and Mrs Diana Sulimirski, and Consort, Mr George Sulimirski for their work in supporting the past Mayor in carrying out her civic functions. Miss Lavender Hastie, Mr George Sulimirski and Mrs Diana Sulimirski then came forward to receive their respective badges.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 February 2011 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rachel Ford and Peter Tobias.

4. MAYOR'S/CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The past Mayor's Announcements were circulated and tabled at the meeting. (Copy attached as **Appendix 1** to these minutes).

7.36 pm - The Mayor announced the sad death of Mrs Hazel Gray on 13th March 2011 who was a Deputy Mayoress, Mayoress and Honorary Mayoress to former Councillor and Mayor Mr Ian Gray. She also informed the meeting of the sad death of former Councillor Mrs Doris Banfield on 26th April 2011 who was

Mayoress to former Councillors and Mayors Mr Frank Banfield and Mr Hugh Duff. Mrs Doris Banfield was elected to serve as a Councillor representing Crabtree Ward in May 1971 until May 1978.

The meeting stood for one minute in their memory.

Councillors Michael Cartwright, Adronie Alford and Lisa Homan paid tribute to the former Councillors.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Party Appointments for 2011/12 Municipal Year

7.44 pm - The report of the Chief Executive on the various appointments made by the Party Groups on the Council for 2011/12 was noted.

6.2 Annual Review and Adoption of the Council's Constitution

7.45 pm - The report of the Monitoring Officer on the Council's Constitution was moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

Speeches on the report were made by Councillors Colin Aherne (for the Opposition) and Councillor Mark Loveday (for the Administration).

The Monitoring Officer's report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	15
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

7.51 pm **RESOLVED:**

1. That the updates, amendments and corrections proposed to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Annex 1 to the report, be agreed.
2. That subject to agreement of the above, that the Council's Constitution be re-approved and re-adopted for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.

6.3 Petitions: Annual Report 2010/11

7.51 pm - The report and recommendations were formally moved for adoption by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh.

The report and recommendations were put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report and recommendations were declared **CARRIED**.

7.52 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council's Petitions Scheme be amended as follows:-

- (1) The courses of action available to the Council or the Cabinet in response to a valid petition to explicitly provide that the content of a petition may be taken into account when reaching a decision on the relevant report.
- (2) Where a report to Council concerns an executive function (not being exercised in a manner inconsistent with the Budget & Policy Framework) the matter shall be referred to Cabinet for consideration together with any comments the Council resolves to make.

7. SPECIAL MOTIONS

7.1 Special Motion 1 - Appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members and their Respective Portfolios

7.53 pm – Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios."

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.53 pm **RESOLVED:**

This Council notes the following appointments by the Leader to the Cabinet and their respective portfolios.

7.2 Special Motion 2 - Appointment of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and Other Committees 2011/12

7.53 pm – Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh moved, seconded by Councillor Nicholas Botterill, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2011/12 as set out in Annex 1".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.53 pm **RESOLVED:**

"This Council agrees the appointments of Chairmen and Memberships of Regulatory, Scrutiny and other Committees under its Constitution for the Municipal Year 2011/12, as set out in Annex 1 of the report and also notes their respective Portfolios/Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution."

7.3 Special Motion 3 - Council Appointments to Local Government Organisation 2011/12

7.53 pm - Councillor Mark Loveday moved, seconded by Councillor Victoria Brocklebank-Fowler, the special motion standing in their names.

"This Council agrees the Council's appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2011/12, as set out in Annex 1".

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	Unanimous
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED.**

7.53 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Council agrees the appointments to Local Government Organisations for 2011/12, as set out in the Appendix of the report.

7.4 Special Motion 4 - Council Calendar 2011/12

7.54 pm - Councillor Andrew Johnson moved, seconded by Councillor Greg Smith, the special motion standing in their names:

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2011/12, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar."

Councillor Needham (for the Opposition) made a speech on the motion before being put to the vote.

The motion was put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	15
ABSTENTIONS	0

The motion was declared **CARRIED**.

7.56 pm **RESOLVED:**

"This Council agrees that, for the Municipal Year 2011/12, meetings of the Council, its Committees and Panels, be held on the dates specified, as set out in the Council Calendar, attached as an Annex to the report".

8. INFORMATION REPORTS - TO NOTE

8.1 To Receive the Leader's Annual Report (Oral)

7.57 pm – The Council received an oral report from the Leader, Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh. Councillor Stephen Cowan made a speech on behalf of the Opposition.

8.2 Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2010/11

8.14pm - The Council received the Annual Scrutiny report of the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Select Committees and Scrutiny Task Groups during the course of the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

Speeches on the report was made by Councillors Andrew Jones, Stephen Cowan, Colin Aherne and Rory Vaughan (for the Opposition) and Councillor Alex Karmel and Mark Loveday (for the Administration), before being put to the vote:

The report was put to the vote:

FOR	27
AGAINST	15
ABSTENTIONS	0

The report was declared **CARRIED**.

8.29 pm **RESOLVED:**

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report be received.

8.3 Summary of Attendance at Principal Committee Meetings of the Council in 2010/11

8.31 pm - The summary report of Members' attendance at principal committee meetings of the Council in 2010/11 was duly noted.

* * * * * CONCLUSION OF BUSINESS * * * * *

Meeting started: 7.00 pm
Meeting ended: 8.31 pm

Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

1. On 24th February, I was delighted to host a presentation evening held in the Mayor's Parlour for Albert and Friends Instant Circus, RLNI and Mayhew Animal Trust. They were awarded 7th place at the New Years Day Parade 2011, winning £1,500 in aid of my chosen charity the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
2. On 24th February, accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended an Edward Fox play 'Trollope in Barsestshire', Riverside Studios, W6
3. On 25th February, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Bromley's 'Quiz Night', The Great Hall, Bromley Civic Centre
4. On 26th February, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Havering Gala Boxing Dinner, Prince Regent Hotel
5. On 27th February, accompanied by both Mayoresses, I attended the Mayor of Waltham Forest Charity Concert, Walthamstow Assembly Hall, E17
6. On 28th February, accompanied by both Mayoresses and my Consort, I was delighted to welcome and host a reception for other London Borough Mayors and a Charity VIP Tour of BBC TV Centre, W12
7. On 2nd March, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
8. On 2nd March, I attended the Bulgarian National Day celebrations, Bulgarian Embassy, Queens Gate, SW7
9. On 2nd March, I attended the H&F Youth Parliament, Council Chamber, HTH
10. On 3rd March, I was delighted to attend Hammersmith London (BID) 'Result Announcement', Mayor's Parlour, HTH
11. On 4th March, I attended the H&F Primary Schools' Swimming Gala competition, Fulham Pools, SW6
12. On 7th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Italian Cultural Institute, SW1

13. On 9th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Croydon charity tour 'Ancient and Modern', Croydon
14. On 10th March, I attended the opening of the WRWA. HRH, The Princess Royal was the guest of honour, Smugglers Way, SW18
15. On 10th March, I was delighted to receive a cheque for my chosen charity 'RLNI' from George Irvin, Fairground Entertainer, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
16. On 10th March, I visited Henry Compton School, Kingwood Road, SW6
17. On 11th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Brent's Charity Party, Wembley Plaza Hotel, Wembley
18. On 12th March, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the Mayor of Merton 'Charity Dinner Ball' All England Tennis Association, Wimbledon
19. On 13th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Opening Ceremony of The Hungarian Gate, 17 St. Dunstan's Road, W14
20. On 13th March, accompanied by both Mayoresses, I attended the H&F Neighbourhood Wardens 'West London Showcase' event, Bush Hall, Uxbridge Rd, W12
21. On 14th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Rotary Youth Makes Music evening, Royal Festival Hall
22. On 15th March, I attended a tour of the new proposed ARK Conway School, Sundew Avenue, W12
23. On 16th March accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
24. On 16th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Generations Together Showcase, Lyric Theatre, W6
25. On 19th March, I attended the Mayor of Redbridge Charity Dinner evening, Woolston Manor
26. On 21st March, I attended the Bike Shed opening, Addison Primary School, W14
27. On 22nd March, I attended the First Big Link Up event, Wetlands Centre, Barnes, SW15

28. On 23rd March, I attended H&F Children's Parliament, Council Chamber, HTH
29. On 24th March, I attended the ESOL celebration day, EH&WLC, Gliddon Road, W14
30. On 24th March, I attended the British Land Kids Cricket League grand final, Lords Cricket Ground, NW1
31. On 24th March, I was delighted to attend H&F Bowling League Tournament, Park Royal, NW10
32. On 25th March, I attended the Olympia UK ECO Green Aware Show 2011, Olympia, W14
33. On 26th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended a tour of Palace Wharf Studios, Rainville Road, W6
34. On 26th March, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth Charity Boat Race event onboard the Golden Salamander, Putney Pier Embankment, SW15
35. On 29th March, accompanied by the Cllr Alex Karmel, I attended the funeral of Mrs Hazel Gray, Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15
36. On 29th March, I attended the launch event for Groundwork London, Pelham House, Lytton Estate, Mornington Ave, W14
37. On 29th March, I attended the launch of Skillset Craft & Technical Skills Academy, British Film Institute, Southbank SE1
38. On 30th March, I attended the Kiloran Trust open day event, Blythe Road, W14
39. On 1st April, I attended and presented the winning medals of the H&F Mayor's Cup Matches, Hurlingham Park (All Weather Pitch), SW6
40. On 2nd April, I was delighted to host my charity Fundraising evening for visiting Mayor's and guests, Royal National Lifeboat Institution, The Pier House, Corney Reach Way, W4
41. On 3rd April, accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended and walked in the London Mayor's Association Annual Charity Walk, 'Whittington Hospital to Mansion House, EC4
42. On 7th April, I visited and toured Bridge Academy School, Finley Street, SW6

43. On 7th April, I attended The British Red Cross Charity Shop event 'Running a Shop', Shepherds Bush Road, W12
44. On 9th April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Hillingdon Annual Civic Dinner, RAF Northolt
45. On 11th April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Harrow Charity tour of Harrow School and Harrow Museum, Harrow
46. On 11th April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Redbridge Charity Race Night, Coral Greyhound Stadium, RM7
47. On 12th April, I attended Avonmore Primary School 'Tea Party', W14
48. On 12th April, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the Mayor of Wandsworth's Charity Dinner evening 'Ceremony of The Keys', Tower of London
49. On 13th April, I was delighted to attend and host H&F Annual Mayor's Tea Dance, Assembly Hall, HTH
50. On 15th April, accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended the Mayor of Barking & Dagenham Charity Evening, Romford
51. On 17th April, I attended and presented medals at H&F RFC Rugby Finals, Hurlingham Park, SW6
52. On 17th April, accompanied by my Consort and both Mayoresses, I attended and cut the ribbon to start the Easter Egg Hunt event, Mayhew Animal Home, NW10
53. On 18th April, I was honoured to host a reception and present Certificates of Achievement to H&F Cadets. Mrs Sandy Cahill, Deputy Lieutenant for H&F also attended and read out their citations, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
54. On 20th April, accompanied by my Consort, I attended the Mayor of Hounslow's Charity tour and Tea at Syon House, Brentford
55. On 21st April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Merton's Charity tour of Cannizaro House, Westside, SW19
56. On 26th April, , accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Bexley's Charity tour of Danson House, Bexleyheath
57. On 28th April, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Bexley Charity Greek Dinner, Bellegrove Rd, Welling

58. On 29th April, I attended Nazareth House, Royal Wedding Day Party, Hammersmith Road, W6
59. On 30th April, accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I attended the Mayor of Enfield Charity Dinner, Forty Hall Banqueting Suite, Enfield
60. On 3rd May, I was delighted to attend Henry Compton School Achievement Evening, which Mrs Sandy Cahill, Deputy Lieutenant for H&F also attended, Fulham Town Hall
61. On 4th May, I attended the Archie Arthur Annual Tea Party, Lygon House, Fulham Palace Road, SW6
62. On 7th May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Open Day, Fulham Road, SW10
63. On 7th May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended The Annual Mayor's Day at Capel Manor College, Enfield
64. On 8th May, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, both Mayoresses, I attended and read a lesson at the 400th Anniversary of The King James version of The Bible, All Saints, Fulham
65. On 9th May, accompanied by my Mayoress, I attended the Mayor of Greenwich, Eltham Palace and the Royal Artillery Museum tour, Enfield
66. On 10th May, I attended the Extra Time 'The Power of Football In Active Ageing event, Craven Cottage, SW6
67. On 11th May, I attended a Citizenship Ceremony during which, I presented each citizen with their official certificate, Council Chamber, FTH
68. On 12th May, I hosted a farewell lunch for my relief chauffeurs, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
69. On 12th May, I was delighted to host a drinks reception to celebrate the achievements of H&F Homes and Board Members, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
70. On 13th May, I attended Mary Seacole House, Extra Care Scheme, Invermead Close, W6
71. On 15th May, accompanied by my Mayoress and Consort, I was delighted to attend my Charity bucket collection at Chelsea Football Club for my chosen charity RNLI, Stamford Bridge, SW6

72. On 15th May, accompanied by my Consort, I attended Maneck Dalal's leaving event, Bhavan Cultural Institute, Castletown Road, W14
73. On 18th May, I was delighted and proud to host a reception for the Chairman, Neil Warnock team Manager and other dignitaries from Queens Park Rangers football Club, on their outstanding achievement of League Championship winners and promotion to the Premier League, Mayor's Parlour, HTH
74. On 19th May, I attended the funeral of Mrs Doris Banfield a former Councillor and Mayoress, Mortlake Crematorium
75. On 20th May, I attended the National Graduate Development Programme event, Marble Gallery, HTH
76. On 20th May, I attended Hammersmith Cadets Parade Night and Open Evening for parents, Hammersmith Road, W6
77. On 21st May, I attended the London District's Challenge Trophy Visitors Day event, Pirbright Training Camp, Woking, GU24
79. On 25th May, I attended a performance by the reception class children, Larmenier and Sacred Heart School, Brook Green, W6